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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

King Manuel of Portugal is visiting in Paris.

Congressman Mann predicts a tariff war with Canada over the pulp and paper duty.

Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, is a nervous wreck, and has gone into retreat to recuperate.

It is estimated that government reclamation has added \$15,000,000 to the wealth of the West.

Private advices received in New York say that United States troops have landed in Nicaragua.

Washington officials deny the allegations of mismanagement in the Klamath irrigation project.

The Missouri Pacific railway is after coast business, having opened offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland.

It is believed that United States marines have already been ordered to Nicaragua, although it is denied at Washington.

The Chicago & Great Western Railway company is out of the hands of receivers, who took charge of it during the panic two years ago.

Directors of the Chicago & North-western have approved the issue of \$30,000,000 worth of new stock for the purpose of building extensions to the Pacific coast.

Prof. See, United States navy astronomer, in charge of the observatory at Mare Island, says the alleged craters on the moon are simply spots where it has been struck by flying satellites, having every appearance of armor plate struck by heavy shot.

New York customs officials have been arrested for underweighing furs.

A baboon attacked and nearly killed his keeper in an animal show in Portland.

Federal inquiry into the burning of the steamer M. Croix fails to discover the cause.

The Philadelphia National League baseball club has been sold to a syndicate for \$350,000.

A New Yorker wrote 1505 words in 15 minutes on a typewriter from copy he had never seen before.

Chile will accept the arbitration of King Edward in the Alsop claim dispute with the United States.

Guards on the Sellwood ferry rescued two persons from a wrecked houseboat drifting down the Willamette.

Dr. Cook is suffering from nervous prostration, after preparing his records for inspection of Copenhagen university.

Steamer Argo was blown on the sands at the entrance to Tillamook bay, and three persons were lost and several others injured.

The government is unable to get any word from its minister at Managua, Nicaragua, and it is believed President Zelaya is intercepting dispatches.

Pierce storms are sweeping the Great Lakes.

Senator Borah will ask congress to investigate Hallinger-Pinchot feud.

Fire broke out anew in the St. Paul mine, and rescue work is suspended.

The government is preparing to send marines to Nicaragua on short notice.

Friends of Astor still continue to search for the missing yacht Nourmahal.

British Liberals believe that a fight to a finish on English lords has begun.

Standard Oil company will undertake the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A Chinese letter-writer has warned the mayor of Portland that a tong war is likely to begin at any time.

The government has ordered a rigid investigation into the St. Croix disaster. Many damage suits may follow.

Taft will prosecute the sugar trust to a finish in spite of the statute of limitations, under which they claim immunity.

Lack of American beef in Germany may cause a campaign for the readmission of American canned meats under a very low tariff.

Excessive rains have produced flood conditions throughout the Willamette and Columbia valleys, and much damage has resulted.

A Kansas hen laid an egg bearing the lettering "Drouth 1911."

Colonel Astor's yacht Nourmahal is reported safe at San Juan harbor.

Senator Borah says the forestry bureau usurps the functions of congress.

WHAT RECORDS TO KEEP.

Census Director Durand's Instructions Relative to the Farm Census.

Washington, Nov. 26.—An outline for the American farmers of the method of keeping a written record of their farm operations and equipment to insure an accurate farm census next year has been issued by United States Census Director E. Dana Durand. It was prepared by Professor Le Grand Powers, United States census chief statistician for agriculture. It states:

"The advantages of always having on hand for ready reference a detailed written statement of one's real and personal property are readily understood by everyone and will be most keenly appreciated when the census enumerators call with his list of questions next April. The value of the census figures of farm wealth depends upon their accuracy, and accuracy can only be secured through the co-operation of the farmers themselves. In no way can the farmer extend more practical assistance to the census bureau, and in no way can he render himself a greater service than by getting out his pencil and note book on the evening of April 14th next, and making up a statement of his farm property. The questions to be asked concerning farm property are as follows:

1. Total value of farm, with all buildings and improvements.
2. Value of buildings.
3. Value of all improvements and machinery, including tools, wagons, carriages, harnesses, etc., and all appliances and apparatus used in farming operations.

4. Number and value of domestic animals, classified as follows:
Cattle: A. Born before January 1, 1909—Cows and heifers kept for milk. Cows and heifers kept for work. Steers and bulls kept for work. Steers and bulls kept for beef.
B. Born in 1909—Heifers, Steers and bulls.

C. Calves born in 1910.
Horses: All horses born before January 1, 1909. Colts born before January 1, 1909. Colts born after January 1, 1910.

Mules: All mules born before January 1, 1909. Male colts born after January 1, 1909. Male colts born after January 1, 1910.

Asses and burros (all ages).
Swine: Hogs born before January 1, 1910. Pigs born after January 1, 1910.

Sheep: Ewes born before January 1, 1910. Rams and wethers born before January 1, 1910. Lambs born after January 1, 1910.

Goats and kids (all ages).
5. Number and value of poultry over 1 month old: Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, Guinea fowls, pigeons.

6. Number and value of swarms of bees.

"The census will not ask the value of household goods, nor that of hay, grain or other farm crops on hand on April 15. These items should be included, however, by all desiring a complete inventory of their farm property. The value given to the farm should be, as nearly as can be judged, the amount that could be obtained for it if offered for sale under normal conditions. Current market prices should be carefully considered in estimating the value of live stock.

"Although the census merely requires a statement of total value of all implements and machinery, it is believed that a classification of these items under the following four heads will be found valuable:

1. Vehicles: This class comprises automobiles, wagons, carriages and sleighs, and equipment used in connection with them, as harnesses, blankets, whips, etc.

2. Heavy farm implements: Comprising all implements and machinery operated by any power other than hand power, as plows, harrows, rollers, reapers, mowers, hay loaders, feed grinders, etc.

3. Hand machinery and tools, including carpenter's tools, hoes, shovels, rakes, forks, grindstones, fanning mills, etc.

4. Miscellaneous articles, including all such minor equipment as kettles, pails, barrels, baskets, ladders, ropes, chains, etc., not included in the first three classes.

"Many farmers greatly underestimate the total value of their possessions of this character when considering them in the aggregate, and it is suggested above that an accurate estimate of their worth can be made. The value assigned this class of property in the inventory should be the estimated amount it would bring at public auction under favorable conditions.

"As in the case of the farm inventory, no special blanks are required for the record of farm products of 1909. An ordinary note book with leaves at least six inches wide will be found convenient. The following information will be called for:

1. Farm expenses in 1909: A. Amount expended in cash for farm labor (exclusive of house work).
B. Estimated value of house rent and board furnished farm laborers in addition to cash wages paid.

2. Rich, Church Kept Her.
Spokane, Nov. 27.—Supported for years by the Columbia River Conference of the Methodist church, dying a few days ago and leaving an estate valued at \$7,000, Mrs. Eliza Uren, invalid wife of the late Mr. Uren, pastor of the First Methodist church of Dayton, caused disappointment in church circles at Dayton, Wash., when her health was made known. She would her fortune to relatives in Australia without contributing a penny to the church which had made comfortable existence possible for her during an illness of nine years.

3. Riches Left to Women.
Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 24.—For the purpose of providing for destitute women who are entirely outside the pale of churches and religious organizations, Dr. Eady Stevenson, of this city, lately deceased, has left property valued at \$150,000, besides a small sum set aside quarterly for two relatives. The physician requests that his trustees, who include the mayor of Vancouver, use the fund available to care for the city's destitute.

4. Take Away Your Gunboat.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29.—The steamer Belleophon, from Asiatic ports, today brought news from Mexico that the French gunboat Argus was driven into a paddy field 600 yards from a river in which she took shelter from a violent storm last month, and that Chinese farmers have demanded \$7000 compensation for destruction of their rice crops by the gunboat's travels. The Chinese insist that the French sailors remove their gunboat from the rice fields.

5. Hood River May Be Surpassed.
Portland.—The cranberry marshes along the lower Columbia river grow the largest and best keeping fruit, and in yield per acre are not surpassed anywhere in the world. This industry, though yet in its infancy on this coast, has already reached results that show beyond a reasonable doubt that this is to be the most profitable of all lines of fruit culture. The exhibit of cranberries shown the past week at J. K. Gill's book store was a revelation to all who saw it, and it proves convincingly that we can grow unusually fine berries and in quantities that make their culture exceedingly profitable.

6. Wallows Ships Stock.
Wallawa—Extensive stock shipments have been made from this county within the past week. 21 cars of cattle and nine cars of hogs having been shipped to the Portland and Seattle markets. A car of hogs belonging to C. H. Allen contained 95 porkers, which averaged 252 pounds each, while four of the best ones tipped the scales at 1,842 pounds, an average weight of 460½ pounds. Mr. Allen received \$8.10 per hundred for his hogs in Portland.

7. Appropriations Not for Salaries.
Salem.—In an opinion rendered recently, Attorney General Crawford has held that the appropriations made for the several experiment stations in different parts of the state by the legislature last winter are not available for the salaries of professors of the Oregon Agricultural college even while engaged in supervising the work at the stations. The money can be used only in promoting the work of the station. The opinion was asked by the college.

8. Apple King Visits Hood River.
Hood River—C. E. Whisler, one of the apple kings of the Rogue river district, and manager of the Bear Creek Orchard company, spent a day in Hood River on his return from Spokane, where he had been in the interest of his company, that made a large display of fruit. Mr. Whisler spent the time while in Hood River investigating the cold storage and apple shipping plants.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ORCHARDS BRING FAME.

National Apple Show Gives Supremacy to Rogue River Valley.

Medford—Medford and the Rogue river valley are rejoicing over the showing made at the National Apple show, when the sweepstake prize was awarded Tronson & Guthrie on a car of Spitznberg.

The awarding of this prize to the Rogue river valley is a great victory for the fruit growers and will bring the recognition to which the district is entitled as the greatest fruit growing section in the world.

The prize winning apples came from an orchard about 20 years old, bought four years ago from J. H. Daley by Tronson & Guthrie for \$11,000. The place consists of 190 acres.

Winning of the title apple king of the world will create a demand for Rogue river valley fruit, and it will be the fashion in all eastern markets, where fruit is purchased for quality, regardless of price, to demand the Medford brand.

Medford will now forge ahead by leaps and bounds in the fruit business. Hundreds of acres of land will be set to fruit, and men who have looked askance at the future of the industry are planning to secure some of the profits which seem to be in store in this valley.

Christmas Programs in the Schools.
The Oregon library commission has made a collection of material suitable for Christmas programs in the schools. This consists of recitations, dialogues and plays, suitable for the season.

Most of them are not in books, but are mounted on sheets or made into pamphlets and can easily be mailed. The commission has made an effort to collect the very best material available for school room programs, and is anxious that the teachers in the state make use of it. Any school in Oregon may obtain this material upon application to the commission, accompanied by five cents in postage. If more postage is required, notification will be sent when the pieces are mailed. In sending in applications it will be necessary to state how many pupils are to take part, age of pupils and whether plays or dialogues are to be included. It is suggested that teachers have their pupils copy their individual parts and return the material as soon as convenient, so that as many schools as possible may have the benefit of the Christmas collection. Address Oregon Library Commission, Salem, Oregon.

Will Have Good Roads.
Forest Grove—A movement was inaugurated in this city at the instigation of the county court to build permanent rock roads. Heretofore it has been impossible to secure good roads except at prohibitive prices. County Judge Goodin stated the Oregon Iron & Steel company of Portland had offered the county the right to quarry rock at their quarry near Beaverton gratis, and that the Southern Pacific would haul it at 25 cents a ton. The scheme of the court is to install a crusher at the quarry for permanent use. Crushed rock can be delivered to the Base Line road at one-half the present cost, or at \$1 a cubic yard.

Box Factory at Klamath Falls.
Klamath Falls—W. F. Barnes is establishing a box factory near the depot, where he purposes to use the output of the Meadow Lake mill. The plant will use 3,000,000 feet of lumber annually.

Country Schools Costs \$16,000.
Freewater—To erect a school costing \$16,000 in a district where a few years ago the land was worthless, is the accomplishment of the Ferndale school district, three miles north of Freewater.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.15; club, \$1.03; red Russian, \$1.01½; valley, \$1; Turkey red, \$1.04; forty fold, \$1.04.
Barley—Feed, \$28.50; brewing \$28.50 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$33.50; cracked, \$31.50 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@19 per ton; eastern Oregon, \$18@21; alfalfa, \$16@16.50; clover, \$15@16; cheat, \$15@16; grain hay, \$15@16.
Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 per box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; quinces, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$9@9.50 per barrel.
Potatoes—Oregon, 60@70¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 1½¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ per doz.; beans, 10¢ per pound; cabbage, ¼¢@1¢ per pound; celery, \$3.75@4¢ per crate; horseradish, 9¢@10¢ per dozen; pumpkins, 10¢@12¢; sprouts, 8¢ per pound; squash, \$1@1.10; tomatoes, 75¢@1.00.
Sack Vegetables—Turnips, 75¢@1 per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; rutabagas, \$1.10 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 36¢; fancy outside creamery, 32½¢@36¢ per pound; store, 22½¢@24¢. (Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.)
Eggs—Fresh Oregon, extras, 45¢ per dozen; eastern, 32¢@38¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 15¢@15½¢; springs, 15¢@15½¢; roosters, 9¢@10¢; ducks, 15¢@16¢; geese, 11¢@12¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 15¢.
Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound.
Veal—Extras, 12¢@12½¢ per pound.
Cattle—Best steers, \$4.50@4.65; fair to good, \$4@4.25; medium and feeders, \$3.50@3.75; best cows, \$3.50@3.75; medium, \$3@3.75; common to medium, \$2.50@3.75; bulls, \$2@2.50; stags, \$2.50@3.50; calves, light, \$5.25@5.50; heavy, \$4@4.75.
Hogs—Best, \$8@8.10; medium, \$7.50@7.85; stockers, \$4@4.75.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$4.25@4.75; fair to good, \$3.75@4; best ewes, \$2.75@4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; lambs, \$5@5.35.
Hops—1909 crop, 18¢@23¢; 1908 crop, nominal; 1907 crop, 12¢; 1906 crop, 8¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound. Mohair—Choice, 25¢ per pound.

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